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Applicants: James E. Sealey II et al. Attorney Docket No: WEYE117898

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Title: PROCESS FOR MAKING A COMPOSITION FOR CONVERSION TO LYOCCELL FIBER FROM AN ALKALINE PULP HAVING LOW AVERAGE DEGREE OF POLYMERIZATION VALUES

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Seattle, Washington 98101

June 10, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.  
       2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

**COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	11	-	20	= 0 x 18 =	0
Independent Claims	1	-	3	= 0 x 84 =	0
TOTAL					\$0

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Respectfully submitted,

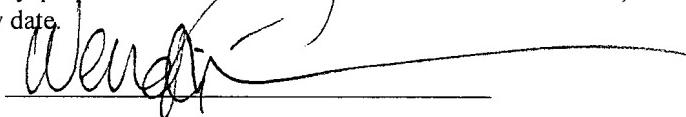
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**RESPONSE**

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1-11 stand rejected. Reconsideration of Claims 1-11 is respectfully requested.

The Rejection of Claims 1-11 Under Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1-11 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,491,788, assigned to the assignee of the present application. Claims 1-11 of the present application and Claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,491,788 were filed initially in application No. 09/574,538, filed May 18, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,331,354, also assigned to the assignee of the present application. A restriction requirement was communicated by Examiner Gray over the phone to applicants' attorney on or about June 20, 2001. The Examiner made a four-way restriction that included the following groups: Claims 1-18, drawn to a pulp, which were elected, and later issued in the '354 patent; Claims 19-33, drawn to a lyocell

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